grade, or higher, or any officer of the United States Merchant Marine having the rank of lieutenant, senior grade, or higher.

No official seal shall be required of said military, naval or merchant marine official, but he shall sign his name, designate his rank, and give the name of his ship or military organization and the date, and for the purpose certifying said acknowledgment, he shall use a form in substance as follows:

On this the _____ day of _____, 19____ before me_____, the undersigned officer, personally appeared _____, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be serving in or with the armed forces of the United States and to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that ____ he ____ executed the same for the purposes therein contained. And the undersigned does further certify that he is at the date of this certificate a commissioned officer of the rank stated below and is in the active service of the armed forces of the United States.

_____
Signature of Officer

_____
Rank of Officer and command to which attached."

Sec. 2. That in all cases where instruments and writings have been proved or acknowledged before any officer of the Army of the United States or United States Marine Corps having the rank of captain or higher, before any officer of the United States Navy or Coast Guard having the rank of lieutenant, senior grade, or higher, or any officer of the United States Merchant Marine having the rank of lieutenant, senior grade, or higher, such proofs or acknowledgments, where valid in other respects, are hereby ratified, confirmed and declared valid.

Sec. 3. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. That this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 19th day of February, 1943.